

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In the illustrative embodiment of Fig. 4, a driving arm 80 having a proximal end 82 and a distal end 84 is provided, the driving arm 80 being pivotally connected to the extension portion 70 of the lower link bracket 40 for movement in a plane generally parallel to the plane of the movement of the pivot link 44. The proximal end 82 of the arm 80 pivots about an axis defined by a drive shaft indicated at 86. This arrangement of the drive shaft 86 with the lower link bracket 40 extension portion 70 is illustrated in more detail in Fig. 9. The drive shaft 86 may be journaled as indicated at 88 or at least extending through a portal 88 in the vehicle body sheet metal indicated at 90. A sealing grommet 92 may be made to support the drive shaft 86 in the sheet metal 90. Illustratively, as indicated in Fig. 9, the arm 80 may be welded to a flange 94 of the shaft 86 as indicated by the reference numeral 96. Thus, when the drive shaft 86 rotates, the drive arm 80 pivots about the axis of the shaft relative to the lower bracket 40. This coupling of the drive shaft 86 to the lower hinge bracket 40 extension portion 70 may be accomplished as illustrated in Fig. 9 using a washer 98, a bearing bushing 100 journaling the drive shaft 86 with the end of the driving shaft 86 being ~~swedged~~ swaged over the washer 98 as indicated at 102. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The distal end 84 of the driving arm 80 is illustratively coupled to the track 18 for movement along the track as the arm 80 pivots about the axis of the shaft 86 relative to the lower link bracket 40. This movement of the distal end 84 of the driving arm 80 and the coupling of the distal end to the track 18 raises and lowers the trunk lid 10. In the illustrative embodiment, as shown in Figs. 4 and 8, the track 18 may be a channel (an U-shaped channel shown in cross-section in Fig. 8) and a roller bearing arrangement may be used to couple the distal end 84 of the arm 80 to the track 18 by a roller pin 120 which is ~~swedged~~ swaged on the driving arm distal end 84 as indicated at 122 and which carries a roller bearing 124 which may be, illustratively, a sealed ball or needle bearing roller. The roller 124 may be secured to the pin 120 by a washer 126 which is ~~swedged~~ swaged as indicated at 128. The channel-track 18 illustrated in Figs. 4 and 8, which is stationary relative to the trunk lid 10 and the upper bracket 42 may take different

forms to provide a track along which the distal end 84 of the drive arm 80 will move. The length of the track 18 will be selected, of course, to accommodate the travel of the distal end 84 of the drive arm 80. --